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BAT MAN
"The HAND from NOWHERE!"
GREAT SCOTT! THOSE ALIENS HAVE ORDERED THE GIANT HAND TO ATTACK ROBIN!

"I don't care what your age is! Whether you're a teenager, in your 20's, 30's, 40's, or 50's. Just RUSH me your LAST CHANCE COUPON below checking the KIND of HE-MAN BODY YOU DESIRE FAST and I'LL SEND YOU absolutely FREE 6 AMAZING PICTURE-PACKED COURSES LISTED BELOW that show you no matter what your age or condition

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THE WORLD'S GREATEST MOLDER OF HANDSOME HE-MEN and CHAMPS out of WEAKLINGS says

"SKINNY OR FAT, I'LL BUILD YOU INTO A NEW ATHLETIC STREAMLINED MIGHTY-MUSCLED HE-MAN

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Sincerely yours for Physical Perfection . . .

George F. Jowett

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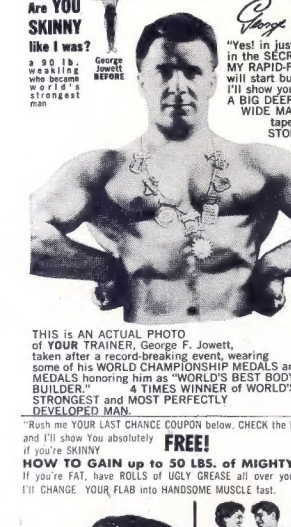
Are YOU SKINNY like I was?

George Jowett BEFORE a 90 lb. weakling who became world's strongest man



THIS is AN ACTUAL PHOTO of **YOUR** TRAINER, George F. Jowett, taken after a record-breaking event, wearing some of his WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS and MEDALS honoring him as "WORLD'S BEST BODY BUILDER." 4 TIMES WINNER of WORLD'S STRONGEST and MOST PERFECTLY DEVELOPED MAN.

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NO! I don't care how skinny or flabby you are now, if you're in your teens, twenties, or thirties, I'll show you in just 10 thrilling minutes in your home, how you can make yourself over by the easy, quick method I turned myself from wreck to WORLD CHAMPION.

STOP once for all BEING A WISH-WASHY SKINNY WEAKLING like this 120 lb. pupil was!

John Sill **BEFORE**

YOU can do and win everything John Sill did

"I **GAINED 60 LBS. of MIGHTY MUSCLES!** I added 3½ INCHES to each ARM, I added 4 inches to my CHEST . . . and to the rest of my body in BALANCED PROPORTION. I won $100.

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I won a GOLD MEDAL. John Sill

YES! YOU'LL ADD INCHES of MIGHTY MUSCLES to YOUR ARMS, DEEPEN YOUR CHEST, BROADEN YOUR BACK and SHOULDERS. From HEAD to HEELS you'll gain SIZE, POWER, LIGHTNING SPEED, ENDURANCE. You'll become a SUCCESSFUL HE-MAN in LOOKS and ACTS — a WINNER in EVERYTHING, athletics, business, studies.

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NOW TO GAIN up to 50 LBS. of MIGHTY MUSCLES

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"FATSO" they called me.

"I LOST 17 LBS. of grease, and became a MR. AMERICA, A WINNER in ALL SPORTS, Popular, Self-confident." Ernest Raines (signed also by his father and mother)

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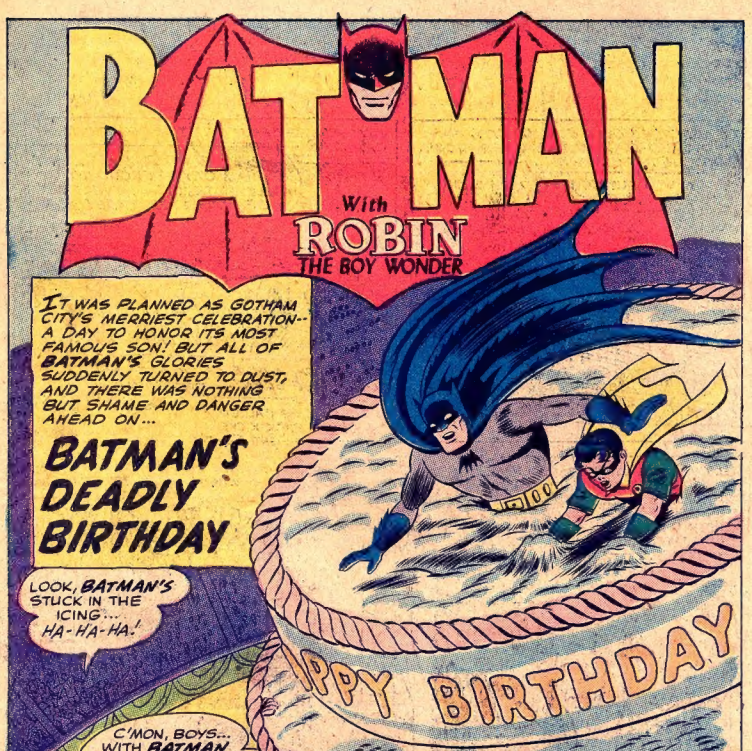
BATMAN
With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER
IT WAS PLANNED AS GOTHAM CITY'S MERRIEST CELEBRATION--A DAY TO HONOR ITS MOST FAMOUS SON! BUT ALL OF BATMAN'S GLORIES SUDDENLY TURNED TO DUST, AND THERE WAS NOTHING BUT SHAME AND DANGER AHEAD ON...
BATMAN'S DEADLY BIRTHDAY
LOOK, BATMAN'S STUCK IN THE ICING... HA-HA-HA!
C'MON, BOYS... WITH BATMAN AND ROBIN TRAPPED IN THREE FEET OF WET PLASTER, WE CAN KNOCK OVER THE BOX-OFFICE EASY!
BOB KANE
PPY BIRTHDAY
BATMAN

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DAWN FILTERS OVER GOTHAM CITY, AS THE FAMED BATMOBILE GOES RACING THROUGH THE STREETS...
WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE COMMISSIONER GORDON INSISTED ON SEEING US SO EARLY, BATMAN?
I WISH I KNEW, ROBIN... IT MUST BE URGENT!
BUT AS THEY ENTER THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE...
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BATMAN! GOTHAM CITY IS PROUD TO CELEBRATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR FIRST CASE!
POP!
POP!
WHAT?
ALL OVER THE CITY, WE'RE HOLDING UNUSUAL "BIRTHDAY" PARTIES IN YOUR HONOR! ALL THE MONEY WE RAISE WILL BE DONATED TO CHARITY!
GOSH... I-- I'VE NEVER BEEN SO HONORED BEFORE! I'LL BE PROUD TO COOPERATE IN SUCH A FINE CAUSE!
AND SO BEGINS A SERIES OF THE GREATEST CELEBRATIONS EVER SEEN...
MORE THAN ONCE, BATMAN HAS SAVED US, THE JEWELERS INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS, BOTH CASH AND HEADACHES! TAKE THE MOST RECENT EXAMPLE... THE THEFT OF THE KURABI RUBY!
"ACTING ON EYE-WITNESS REPORTS, BATMAN WAS QUICK TO TRACK DOWN THE FLEEING GETAWAY CAR..."
PULL OVER!
SCREEECH!
"BUT AFTER A THOROUGH SEARCH..."
I'M CLEAN! HA, HA! ADMIT IT, BATMAN, YOU'VE GOT NOTHING ON ME!
I'M AFRAID HE'S RIGHT! WITHOUT THE STOLEN RUBY WE COULD NEVER PROVE HIS GUILT!
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"AND THAT'S WHEN BATMAN UNCOVERED AN ALMOST PERFECT RUSE..."
THERE'S THE RUBY, REPLACING ONE OF THE REFLECTORS ON YOUR LICENSE PLATE!
GOOD WORK, BATMAN! HE REMOVED ONE REFLECTOR AND CEMENTED THE RUBY IN ITS PLACE! WHILE WE RANSACKED THE CAR, THE RUBY WAS RIGHT OUT IN THE OPEN!
AND SO, IN HONOR OF ALL YOUR SERVICES, WE PRESENT YOU WITH THIS SCROLL--AND ALSO THIS JEWELED MEDALLION, WHICH WILL BE AUCTIONED TONIGHT FOR CHARITY!
I'M DEEPLY GRATEFUL, SIR!
BUT AS BATMAN BEGINS HIS ADDRESS OF THANKS...
...AND SO I SAY, WITH A HEART OVERFLOWING WITH--EEYOW!
SPLASH
HIS HEART IS GONNA OVERFLOW, ALL RIGHT--WITH WATER... HA-HA-HA!
RUN FOR COVER! SOMEBODY MUST HAVE ACCIDENTALLY TURNED ON THE WATER CONTROLS!
I'LL GET YOUR SCROLL FOR YOU, BATMAN! YOU DON'T WANT IT TO GET SOAKED!
BUT MINUTES LATER, WITH THE WATER UNDER CONTROL...
BATMAN! THE MEDALLION AND SCROLL ARE GONE!
THE GUEST WHO WENT TO SAVE THE SCROLL... HE MUST HAVE USED THE CONFUSION TO STEAL THOSE OBJECTS! WE'LL NEVER FIND HIM NOW! WHAT A WAY TO START A BIRTHDAY!
LATER AT PLEASURE ISLAND, AS NEW BIRTHDAY EVENTS GET UNDERWAY...
SOUVENIRS! GET YOUR BATMAN SOUVENIRS!
BATMAN AND ROBIN COSTUMES! JUST LIKE THE REAL THING!
HA,HA; I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF THEY NAMED A HOT DOG AFTER YOU, BATMAN!
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AND AS THE PAIR STOPS AT ONE EXHIBIT...

THE **INDEPENDENT DAIRYMEN** STUFFED THIS SILVER COW WITH CASH FOR CHARITY, **BATMAN**, IN HONOR OF YOUR CAPTURE OF THE **DANTON MOB.**

THAT BRINGS BACK MEMORIES, EH, **BATMAN?**

to BATMAN from DAIRYMEN'S LEAGUE

"DANTON'S GANG WAS TRYING TO TERRORIZE DAIRYMEN INTO PAYING PROTECTION MONEY--UNTIL, ONE DAY..."

THEY'RE GOING TO SHOOT UP THAT TANKER, AND WE CAN'T RUN STRAIGHT INTO THEIR GUNS--SO HERE'S WHAT WE'LL DO, **ROBIN**...

MILK

"THE PLAN WAS SIMPLE! I LEAPED ATOP THE TRUCK--AND WHILE YOU WHIRLED OPEN THE VALVE, I TOOK DEAD AIM..."

BULL'S-EYE!

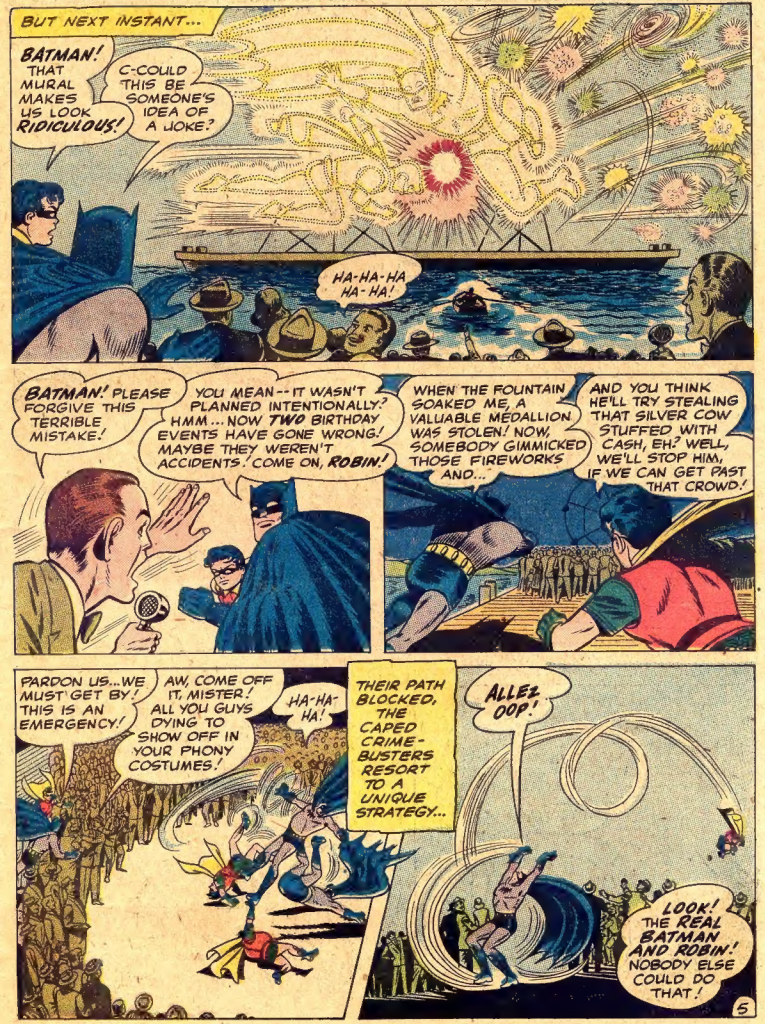
SPLASH

AND THAT WAS THE END OF MACHINE-GUN MIKE DANTON!

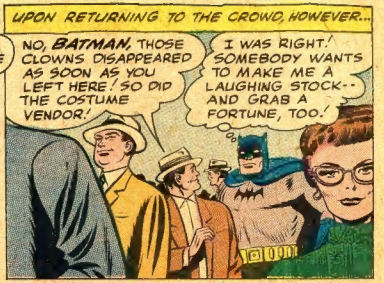
TERRIFIC! BUT LOOK, **BATMAN**... THE FIREWORKS ARE STARTING, DOWN AT THE PIER! YOU MUSTN'T MISS THEM!

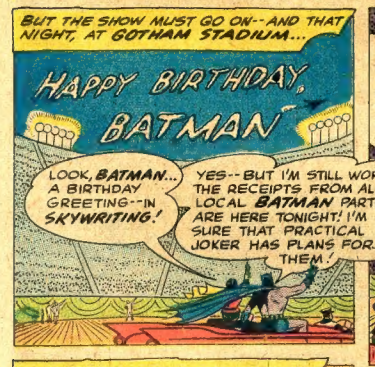
AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ARRIVE FOR THE COLORFUL DISPLAY...

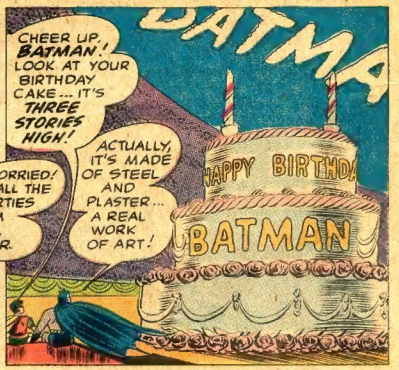
AND NOW, FOR THE HIGH SPOT OF OUR SHOW! OUT ON THAT RAFT, YOU WILL SHORTLY SEE A FANTASTIC PYROTECHNIC MURAL... A FIERY PAINTING OF **BATMAN**, IN HEROIC ACTION!

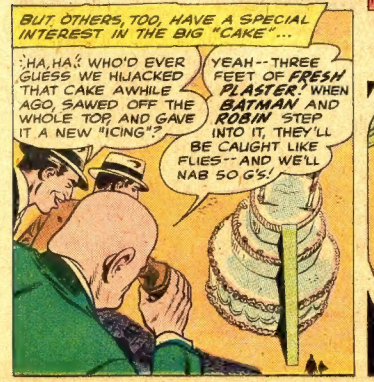

BUT NEXT INSTANT...
BATMAN! THAT MURAL MAKES US LOOK RIDICULOUS!
C-COULD THIS BE SOMEONE'S IDEA OF A JOKE?
HA-HA-HA HA-HA!
BATMAN! PLEASE FORGIVE THIS TERRIBLE MISTAKE!
YOU MEAN--IT WASN'T PLANNED INTENTIONALLY? HMM... NOW TWO BIRTHDAY EVENTS HAVE GONE WRONG! MAYBE THEY WEREN'T ACCIDENTS! COME ON, ROBIN!
WHEN THE FOUNTAIN SOAKED ME, A VALUABLE MEDALLION WAS STOLEN! NOW, SOMEBODY GIMMICKED THOSE FIREWORKS AND...
AND YOU THINK HE'LL TRY STEALING THAT SILVER COW STUFFED WITH CASH, EH? WELL, WE'LL STOP HIM, IF WE CAN GET PAST THAT CROWD!
PARDON US...WE MUST GET BY! THIS IS AN EMERGENCY!
AW, COME OFF IT, MISTER! ALL YOU GUYS DYING TO SHOW OFF IN YOUR PHONY COSTUMES!
HA-HA-HA!
THEIR PATH BLOCKED, THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTERS RESORT TO A UNIQUE STRATEGY...
ALLEZ OOP!
LOOK! THE REAL BATMAN AND ROBIN! NOBODY ELSE COULD DO THAT!

BUT BY THE TIME THEY REACH THE EXHIBIT...
THE GUARD'S BEEN SLUGGED, AND THE SILVER COW IS GONE!
YOU LOOK AFTER HIM, ROBIN, WHILE I GO BACK FOR THOSE PHONY COSTUMED CHARACTERS WHO DELAYED US!
DAIRYMEN'S LEAGU

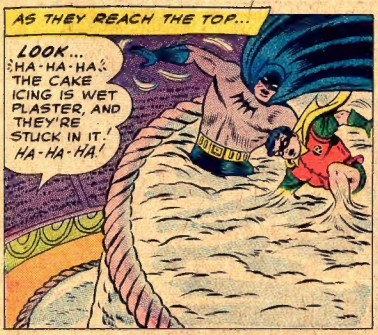

UPON RETURNING TO THE CROWD, HOWEVER...
NO, BATMAN, THOSE CLOWNS DISAPPEARED AS SOON AS YOU LEFT HERE! SO DID THE COSTUME VENDOR!
I WAS RIGHT! SOMEBODY WANTS TO MAKE ME A LAUGHING STOCK--AND GRAB A FORTUNE, TOO!


BUT THE SHOW MUST GO ON--AND THAT NIGHT, AT GOTHAM STADIUM...
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BATMAN
LOOK, BATMAN... A BIRTHDAY GREETING--IN SKYWRITING!
YES--BUT I'M STILL WORRIED! THE RECEIPTS FROM ALL THE LOCAL BATMAN PARTIES ARE HERE TONIGHT! I'M SURE THAT PRACTICAL JOKER HAS PLANS FOR THEM!


CHEER UP, BATMAN! LOOK AT YOUR BIRTHDAY CAKE... IT'S THREE STORIES HIGH!
ACTUALLY, IT'S MADE OF STEEL AND PLASTER... A REAL WORK OF ART!
BATMAN

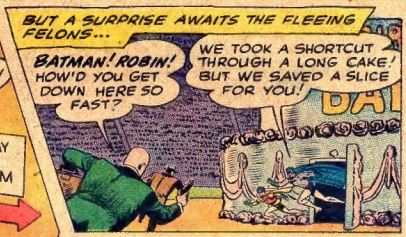

BUT, OTHERS, TOO, HAVE A SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE BIG "CAKE"...
HA, HA! WHO'D EVER GUESS WE HIJACKED THAT CAKE AWHILE AGO, SAWED OFF THE WHOLE TOP, AND GAVE IT A NEW "ICING"?
YEAH--THREE FEET OF FRESH PLASTER! WHEN BATMAN AND ROBIN STEP INTO IT, THEY'LL BE CAUGHT LIKE FLIES--AND WE'LL NAB 50 G'S!

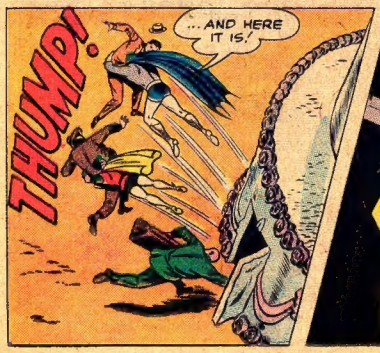
THUS, IT'S A BOOBY TRAP THAT THE CRIME-FIGHTERS MOUNT, AT THE CELEBRATION'S CLIMAX...
IT'LL ALL BE OVER SOON, ROBIN! IT'S BEEN QUITE A BIRTHDAY PARTY!

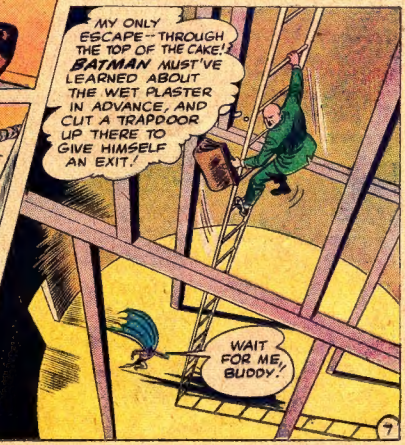

AS THEY REACH THE TOP...
LOOK... HA-HA-HA! THE CAKE ICING IS WET PLASTER, AND THEY'RE STUCK IN IT! HA-HA-HA!

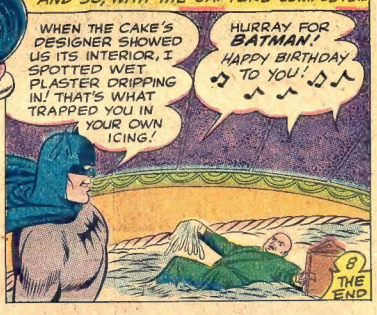
AND AT THAT VERY MOMENT...
NO!...YOU MUSTN'T! THIS MONEY WAS RAISED FOR CHARITY!
YEAH...FOR POOR, STARVING THIEVES! HAND IT OVER!

BUT AS THE TRIO EMERGES...
BOSS!... SOMEONE TIPPED OFF THE COPS!
ONLY ONE WAY OUT...THROUGH THE STADIUM FIELD!
TREASURER'S OFFICE
THIS WAY TO STADIUM


BUT A SURPRISE AWAITS THE FLEEING FELONS...
BATMAN! ROBIN! HOW'D YOU GET DOWN HERE SO FAST?
WE TOOK A SHORTCUT THROUGH A LONG CAKE! BUT WE SAVED A SLICE FOR YOU!


...AND HERE IT IS!
THUMP!


MY ONLY ESCAPE--THROUGH THE TOP OF THE CAKE! BATMAN MUST'VE LEARNED ABOUT THE WET PLASTER IN ADVANCE, AND CUT A TRAPDOOR UP THERE TO GIVE HIMSELF AN EXIT!
WAIT FOR ME, BUDDY!


AND SO, WITH THE CAPTURE COMPLETE...
WHEN THE CAKE'S DESIGNER SHOWED US ITS INTERIOR, I SPOTTED WET PLASTER DRIPPING IN! THAT'S WHAT TRAPPED YOU IN YOUR OWN ICING!
HURRAY FOR BATMAN! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
THE END

BAT-MITE IS BACK AGAIN!

IN RESPONSE TO THE THOUSANDS OF ENTHUSIASTIC LETTERS, THAT IMPISH BATMAN FAN FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION POPS UP AGAIN -- IN A ZANY, THRILL-PACKED ADVENTURE THAT ALMOST DRIVES BATMAN, ROBIN and BATWOMAN CRAZY!

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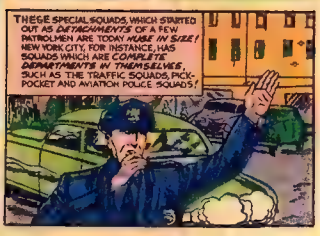
TRUE, FROM THE SMALL PATROL HAS DEVELOPED THE LARGE POLICE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS THE DEPARTMENT WHICH HAS ITS DETECTIVES, CAPTAINS, LIEUTENANTS AND SERGEANTS AS WELL AS THE ORDINARY PATROLMAN, WHO, DUE TO CONSCIENTIOUS HEROISM, IS OCCASIONALLY ADVANCED TO THE GRADE OF DETECTIVE!

TODAY, LARGE NUMBERS OF PATROLMEN ARE ASSIGNED AS SECURITY GUARDS TO COURTS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, BASEBALL PARKS AND PARADES! THESE SPECIAL GUARDS AND SPECIAL SQUADS NO LONGER ACTUALLY PATROL!

THESE SPECIAL SQUADS, WHICH STARTED OUT AS ATTACHMENTS OF A FEW PATROLMEN ARE TODAY HUGE IN SIZE! NEW YORK CITY, FOR INSTANCE, HAS SQUADS WHICH ARE COMPLETE DEPARTMENTS IN THEMSELVES, SUCH AS THE TRAFFIC SQUADS, PICKPOCKET AND AVIATION POLICE SQUADS!



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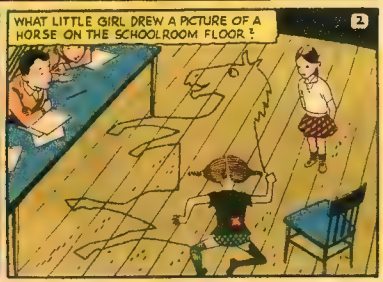

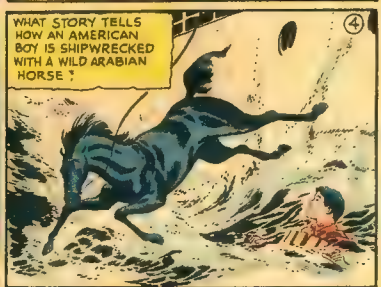

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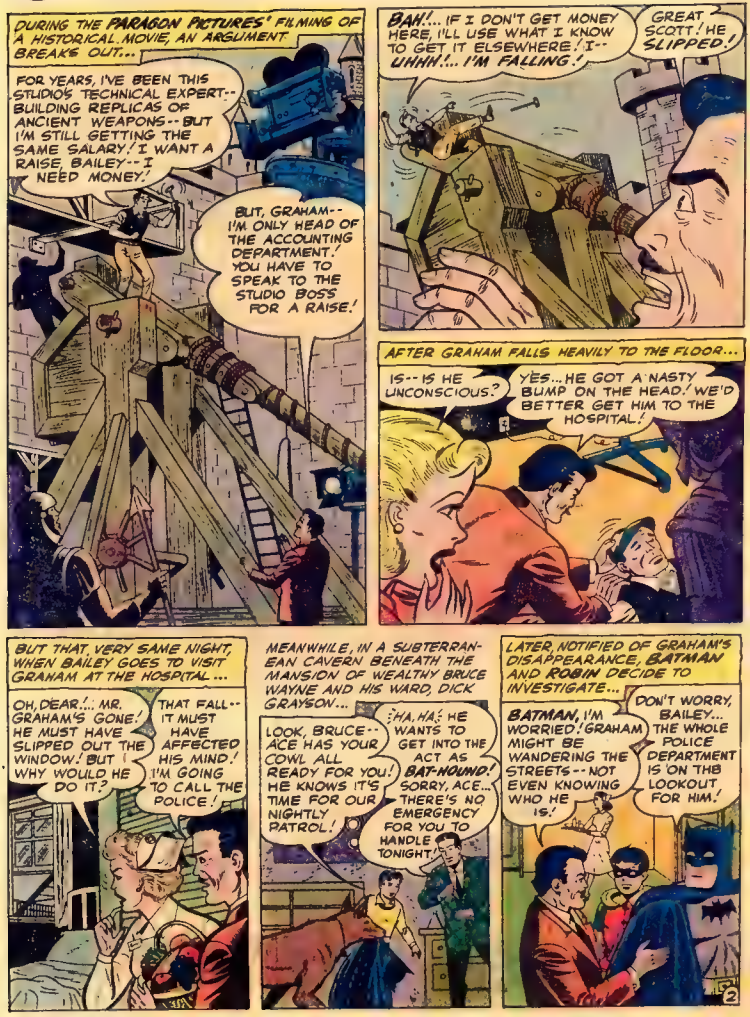
With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER
ROBIN!... LOOK OUT FOR THAT GIANT CROSSBOW!
CRA-AACK
TWAN-N-NNG
GIANT CROSSBOWS -- CATAPULTS... THESE WERE THE WEAPONS USED BY A BANDIT LEADER -- WEAPONS OF THE ANCIENT PAST! BUT THERE WAS A REASON WHY HE CHOSE THESE ARCHAIC WAR MACHINES FOR CRIME... A REASON THAT BATMAN AND ROBIN FINALLY UNCOVERED, WHEN THEY EXPOSED...
the MASTER of WEAPONS
BOB KANE


DURING THE PARAGON PICTURES' FILMING OF A HISTORICAL MOVIE, AN ARGUMENT BREAKS OUT...
FOR YEARS, I'VE BEEN THIS STUDIO'S TECHNICAL EXPERT--BUILDING REPLICAS OF ANCIENT WEAPONS--BUT I'M STILL GETTING THE SAME SALARY. I WANT A RAISE, BAILEY--I NEED MONEY.
BUT, GRAHAM--I'M ONLY HEAD OF THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT. YOU HAVE TO SPEAK TO THE STUDIO BOSS FOR A RAISE.
BAH!... IF I DON'T GET MONEY HERE, I'LL USE WHAT I KNOW TO GET IT ELSEWHERE. I--UHHH!... I'M FALLING.
GREAT SCOTT! HE SLIPPED!
AFTER GRAHAM FALLS HEAVILY TO THE FLOOR...
IS--IS HE UNCONSCIOUS?
YES...HE GOT A NASTY BUMP ON THE HEAD. WE'D BETTER GET HIM TO THE HOSPITAL.
BUT THAT, VERY SAME NIGHT, WHEN BAILEY GOES TO VISIT GRAHAM AT THE HOSPITAL...
OH, DEAR!... MR. GRAHAM'S GONE! HE MUST HAVE SLIPPED OUT THE WINDOW! BUT WHY WOULD HE DO IT?
THAT FALL--IT MUST HAVE AFFECTED HIS MIND! I'M GOING TO CALL THE POLICE!
MEANWHILE, IN A SUBTERRANEAN CAVERN BENEATH THE MANSION OF WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...
LOOK, BRUCE--ACE HAS YOUR COWL ALL READY FOR YOU! HE KNOWS IT'S TIME FOR OUR NIGHTLY PATROL!
HA, HA! HE WANTS TO GET INTO THE ACT AS BAT-HOUND! SORRY, ACE...THERE'S NO EMERGENCY FOR YOU TO HANDLE TONIGHT!
LATER, NOTIFIED OF GRAHAM'S DISAPPEARANCE, BATMAN AND ROBIN DECIDE TO INVESTIGATE...
BATMAN, I'M WORRIED! GRAHAM MIGHT BE WANDERING THE STREETS--NOT EVEN KNOWING WHO HE IS!
DON'T WORRY, BAILEY...THE WHOLE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS ON THE LOOKOUT FOR HIM!
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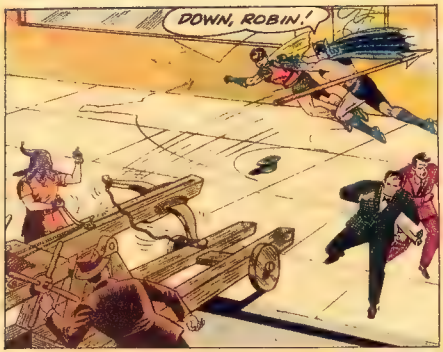
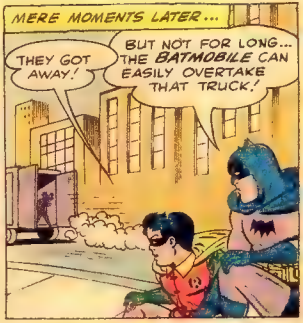
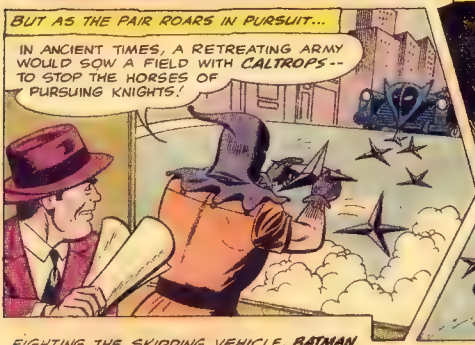
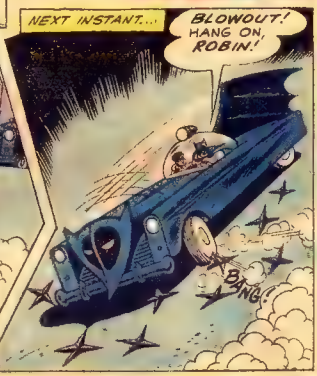
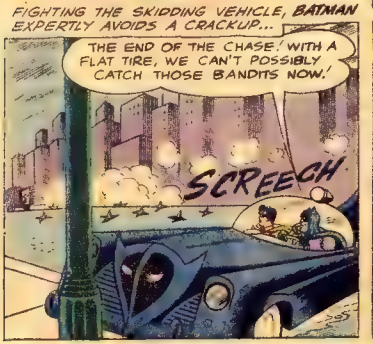
BUT A WHOLE WEEK PASSES BEFORE A VAN DRAWS UP IN FRONT OF GOTHAM MUSEUM ONE NIGHT, AND...
QUICKLY, NOW... LOAD THE BALLISTA!
STATE MOVING VAN
SWIFT PREPARATIONS ARE MADE--AND MOMENTS LATER...
CRACK
TWANNG
NOW, QUICKLY--GET INSIDE AND BRING OUT THE PAINTINGS I WANT!
PATROLLING NEARBY, BATMAN AND ROBIN HEAR THE CLAMOR OF SOUND, AND RACE OVER IN TIME TO SEE...
A BALLISTA!... THE ANCIENT CROSSBOW THAT PITCHED HUGE JAVELINS AT ENEMY CASTLES!
LOOK!... A COSTUMED BANDIT! HIS MEN HAVE CUT VALUABLE CANVASES OUT OF THEIR FRAMES!
BATMAN AND ROBIN!... WE MUST DO BATTLE WITH THEM! CHARGE!
BUT AS BOMBARDING FISTS FORCE THE BANDITS BACK...
BAH! TIME FOR A STRATEGIC RETREAT!

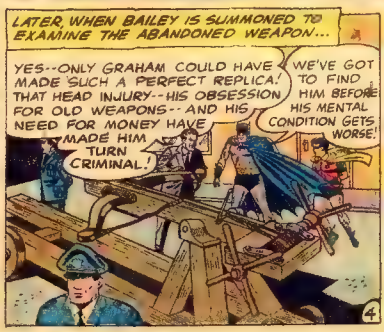

DOWN, ROBIN!

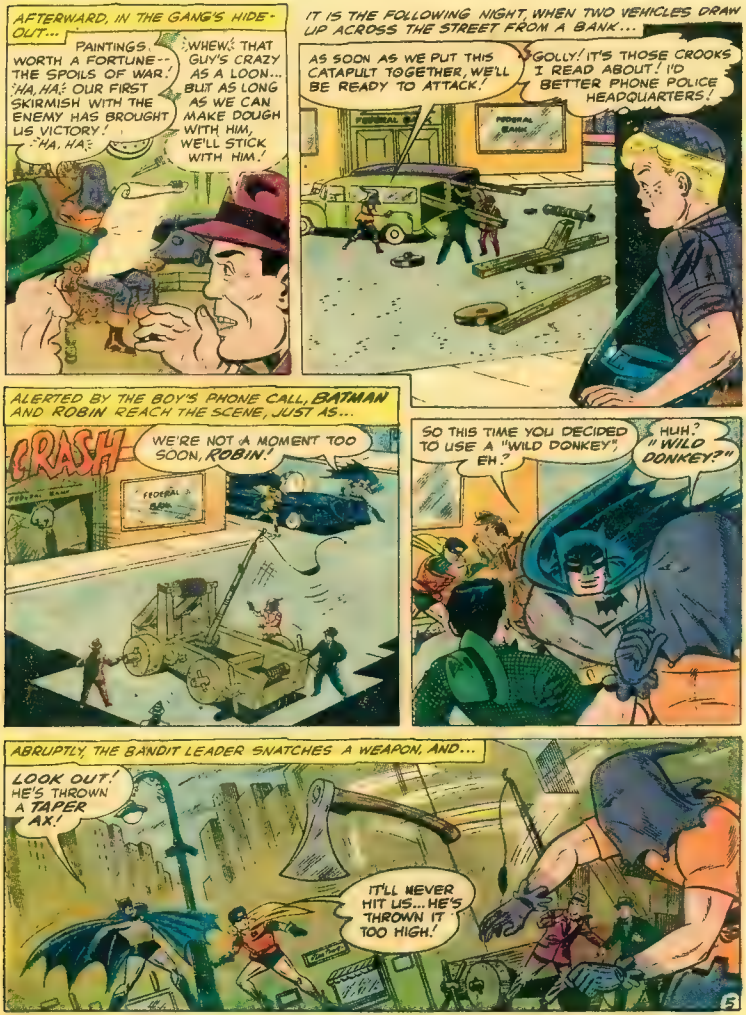

MERE MOMENTS LATER...
THEY GOT AWAY!
BUT NOT FOR LONG... THE BATMOBILE CAN EASILY OVERTAKE THAT TRUCK!


BUT AS THE PAIR ROARS IN PURSUIT...
IN ANCIENT TIMES, A RETREATING ARMY WOULD SOW A FIELD WITH CALTROPS-- TO STOP THE HORSES OF PURSUING KNIGHTS!


NEXT INSTANT...
BLOWOUT! HANG ON, ROBIN!
BANG!


FIGHTING THE SKIDDING VEHICLE, BATMAN EXPERTLY AVOIDS A CRACKUP...
THE END OF THE CHASE! WITH A FLAT TIRE, WE CAN'T POSSIBLY CATCH THOSE BANDITS NOW!
SCREECH


LATER, WHEN BAILEY IS SUMMONED TO EXAMINE THE ABANDONED WEAPON...
YES--ONLY GRAHAM COULD HAVE MADE SUCH A PERFECT REPLICA! THAT HEAD INJURY--HIS OBSESSION FOR OLD WEAPONS-- AND HIS NEED FOR MONEY HAVE MADE HIM TURN CRIMINAL!
WE'VE GOT TO FIND HIM BEFORE HIS MENTAL CONDITION GETS WORSE!


AFTERWARD, IN THE GANG'S HIDE-OUT...
PAINTINGS WORTH A FORTUNE--THE SPOILS OF WAR! HA, HA! OUR FIRST SKIRMISH WITH THE ENEMY HAS BROUGHT US VICTORY! HA, HA!
WHEW! THAT GUY'S CRAZY AS A LOON... BUT AS LONG AS WE CAN MAKE DOUGH WITH HIM, WE'LL STICK WITH HIM!
IT IS THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, WHEN TWO VEHICLES DRAW UP ACROSS THE STREET FROM A BANK...
AS SOON AS WE PUT THIS CATAPULT TOGETHER, WE'LL BE READY TO ATTACK!
GOLLY! IT'S THOSE CROOKS I READ ABOUT! I'D BETTER PHONE POLICE HEADQUARTERS!
FEDERAL BANK
ALERTED BY THE BOY'S PHONE CALL, BATMAN AND ROBIN REACH THE SCENE, JUST AS...
CRASH
WE'RE NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON, ROBIN!
FEDERAL BANK
SO THIS TIME YOU DECIDED TO USE A "WILD DONKEY", EH?
HUH? "WILD DONKEY?"
ABRUPTLY, THE BANDIT LEADER SNATCHES A WEAPON, AND...
LOOK OUT! HE'S THROWN A TAPER AX!
IT'LL NEVER HIT US... HE'S THROWN IT TOO HIGH!
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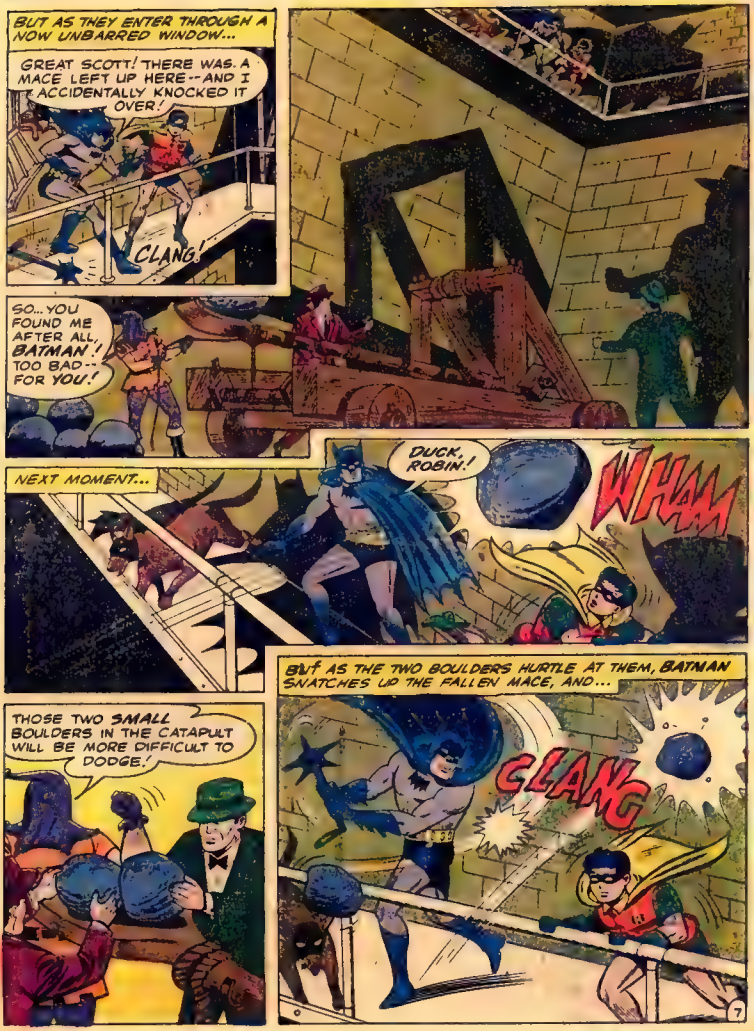
BUT THAT WAS THE VILLAIN'S PURPOSE--FOR AS THE UNIQUE AX SHATTERS A LAMPPOST'S BULB...
NOW--INTO OUR VEHICLES!
CRASH
HIT THE DECK!
AS THE GANG DRIVES OFF, BATMAN PLUCKS A VIAL FROM HIS UTILITY BELT AND HURLS IT AT A REAR TIRE OF ONE CAR...
TINKLE
SURE ENOUGH, AWHILE LATER, WHEN BAT-HOUND PICKS UP THE SCENT...
THAT CATAPULT IS CALLED AN ONAGER! BECAUSE THE BACK KICKS UP LIKE A DONKEY, THE ANCIENT ROMANS NICKNAMED IT "WILD DONKEY"... YET THE BANDIT LEADER DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I MEANT WHEN I CALLED IT THAT!
BUT GRAHAM IS AN EXPERT ON ANCIENT WEAPONS. HE SHOULD KNOW WHAT YOU MEANT!
NOW, ROBIN, WE'RE GOING TO BRING BAT-HOUND HERE! THAT CAPSULE CONTAINED A CHEMICAL WHICH EMITS A STRONG AROMA! IT'LL LEAVE A TRAIL WHICH BAT-HOUND CAN FOLLOW!
FEDERAL BANK
SNIFF! SNIFF!
EXACTLY...THAT'S WHY I THINK GRAHAM IS BEING FRAMED!
YOU MEAN--SOMEONE ELSE IS REALLY THE LEADER? GOLLY--IT MIGHT BE ANYONE FROM THE STUDIO WHO KNOWS GRAHAM--LIKE THAT ACCOUNTANT, BAILEY!
AMID THE SPECULATION, THE TRAIL ENDS--AT A MOST UNEXPECTED HIDEOUT...
THE OLD GOTHAM PRISON! IT'S BEEN ABANDONED FOR YEARS!
NOT ANYMORE! WE'LL HAVE TO SNEAK INSIDE--TRY TO TAKE THEM BY SURPRISE!


BUT AS THEY ENTER THROUGH A NOW UNBARRED WINDOW...
GREAT SCOTT! THERE WAS A MACE LEFT UP HERE--AND I ACCIDENTALLY KNOCKED IT OVER!
CLANG!
SO...YOU FOUND ME AFTER ALL, BATMAN! TOO BAD--FOR YOU!
NEXT MOMENT...
DUCK, ROBIN!
WHAM
BUT AS THE TWO BOULDERS HURTLE AT THEM, BATMAN SNATCHES UP THE FALLEN MACE, AND...
CLANG
THOSE TWO SMALL BOULDERS IN THE CATAPULT WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT TO DODGE!

CRASH
ULP!...H-HE SENT IT BACK AT THE CATAPULT!
SWIFTLY, THE CRIME-FIGHTERS SWING DOWN ON THEIR BAT-ROPES, AND...
QUICK--DUCK BEHIND THE CATAPULT AND USE YOUR GUNS ON 'EM!
BUT UPON HITTING THE FLOOR, THE DUO SHOVES A BATTERING-RAM FORWARD...
UHHH!
OOOF!
ALL RIGHT, GRAHAM! YOU MIGHT AS WELL CALL IT QUITS!
HUH?... GRAHAM?
SWIFTLY BATMAN GRABS THE COSTUMED BANDIT, AND UNMASKS HIM TO REVEAL...
IT IS GRAHAM! BUT--BUT YOU SAID THE BANDIT LEADER WAS ANOTHER MAN IMPERSONATING GRAHAM!
SO I DID--UNTIL I SAW HIM HANDLE THE CATAPULT SO EXPERTLY, A FEW MINUTES AGO, THAT I KNEW HE HAD TO BE GRAHAM!
YOU WANTED TO MAKE US THINK THAT SOMEONE HAD ABDUCTED YOU FROM THE HOSPITAL, FORCED YOU TO MAKE ANCIENT WEAPONS, AND ROB WITH THEM SO YOU'D BE SUSPECTED!
YES...THAT'S WHY I PRETENDED NOT TO KNOW WHAT YOU MEANT WHEN YOU CALLED THE ONAGER A "WILD DONKEY"!
I 'NTENDED TO PLANT CLUES THAT WOULD MAKE BAILEY SEEM GUILTY--SO I COULD RETIRE WITH THE LOOT, UNSUSPECTED!
YES--BUT YOUR PLAN WAS LIKE A FAULTY WEAPON--IT BACKFIRED!
THE END

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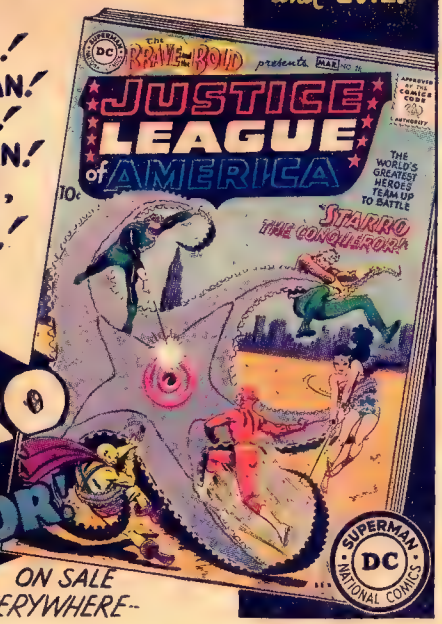
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ON SALE EVERYWHERE--

Dear Editor: How are BATMAN and ROBIN able to drive the BATMOBILE in and out of the BAT-CAVE without being seen?

Carl Seyfferth, Orem, Utah

(The BAT-CAVE'S exit is located in a remote area, some distance from the Wayne mansion. It is so well camouflaged that it couldn't possibly be detected by any stray passersby.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: When BATMAN gets too old to fight crime, will ROBIN take his place and become the new BATMAN? If so, who will take ROBIN'S place?

Skippy Wells, Burlington, Vt.

(ROBIN does become BATMAN in a new, exciting story, "THE SECOND BATMAN AND ROBIN TEAM," which will appear in the next issue of BATMAN COMICS, April, #131. But we'll let you find out for yourself the startling identity of the new ROBIN.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: When chasing criminals, BATMAN and ROBIN frequently perform some remarkable acrobatic feats. It seems to me such stunts require plenty of training and practice. How do they manage to keep in trim?

Mort Maxim, Sioux Falls, S. D.

(In their private gymnasium, located in the Wayne mansion, BATMAN and ROBIN exercise and practice regularly, to remain in top physical shape and to develop new acrobatic stunts. For their more complicated feats, such as swinging from buildings with the BAT-ROPE, or leaping from great heights, they practice right out in the open.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: During their careers, BATMAN and ROBIN have fought a number of menaces from other worlds. Which was the strangest one they ever encountered?

Daniel Lane, Wheeling, W. Va.

(It's hard to say which was the strangest—but certainly one of the weirdest was "THE JIGSAW CREATURE FROM SPACE," which appears in the March issue of DETECTIVE COMICS, #277.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: BATMAN and ROBIN can't send their uniforms out to a cleaning store. How do they manage to keep them cleaned and pressed, always ready for use?

Zelda Trapper, Manchester, N. H.

(That's one of the jobs of Alfred, their faithful butler.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I notice that BATMAN and ROBIN give a lot of performances for charity benefits. Which is their favorite charity?

Clarence Smythe, Rochester, N. Y.

(BATMAN and ROBIN have no favorite charity. They try to distribute their money, time and services evenly among all worthy causes.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: BATMAN and ROBIN must get many "crank" calls for their services. How do they know which are the phonies and which are genuine calls for help?

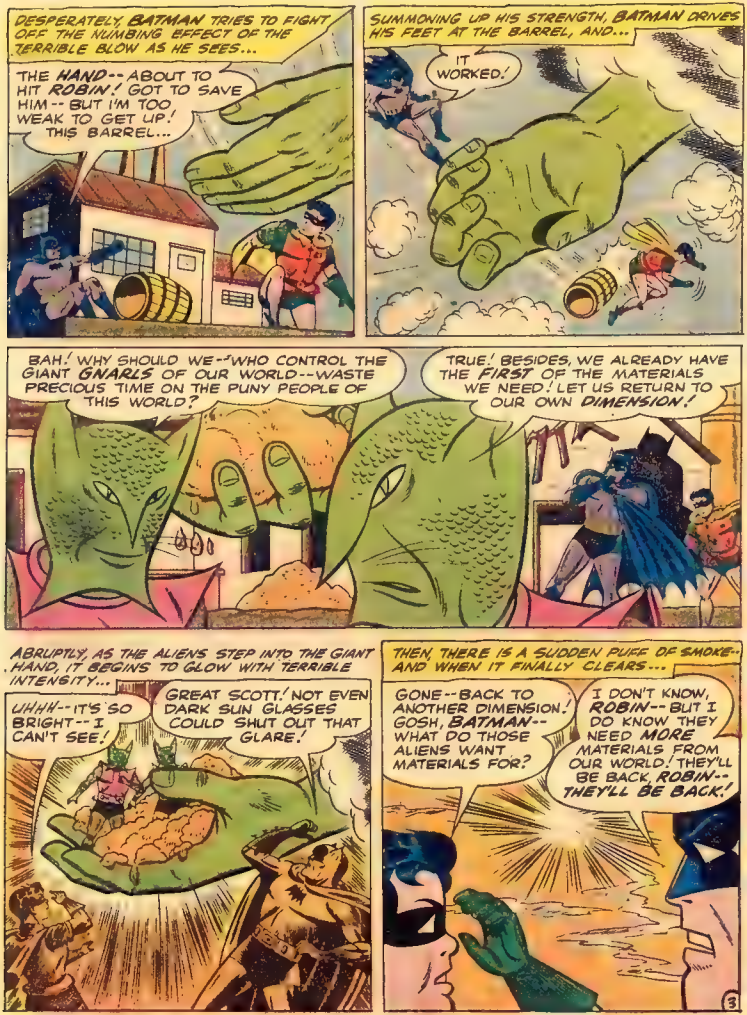
Edna Boland, Phoenix, Ariz.

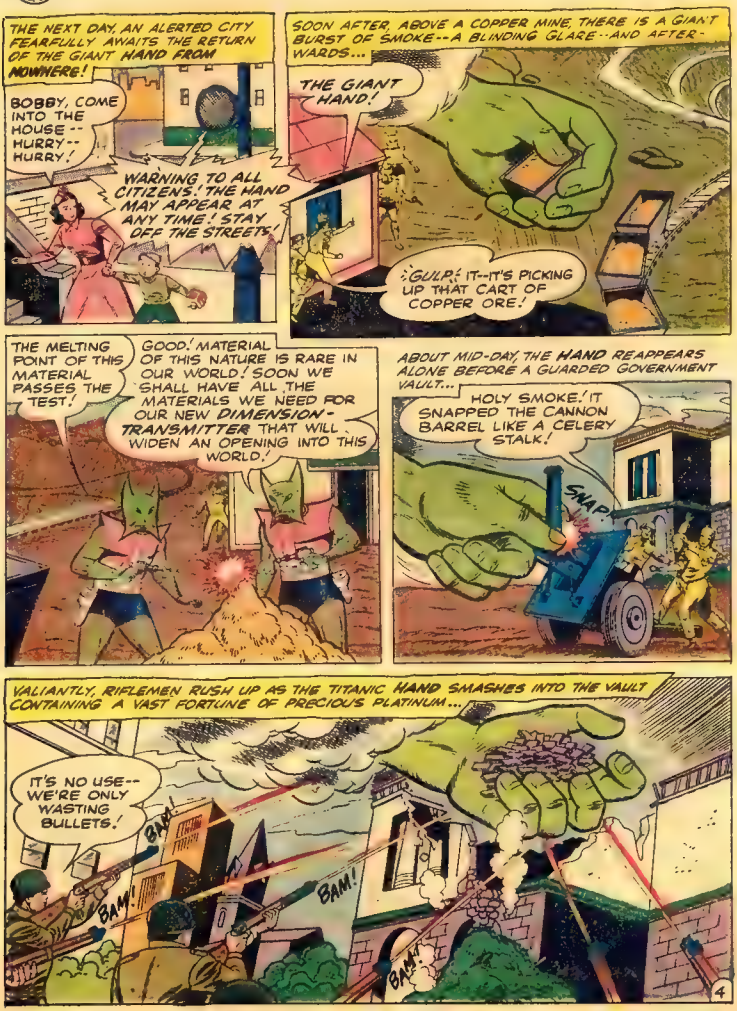
(Any specific call for BATMAN and ROBIN can only be transmitted through the Gotham City Police Department. Commissioner Gordon and his staff, from long experience, can quickly determine which cases may require the services of the caped crime-fighters, and which calls come from crackpots.—Ed.)

WARDEN WILLIS
THIS IS QUITE A RENOVATING JOB THE COMMISSIONER IS DOING IN OUR PRISON!
WHAT'S THIS? I'D BETTER SEE THE CONTRACTOR!
HOW DO YOU LIKE IT, WARDEN? THERE'S THE SWIMMING POOL, AND THE TENNIS COURT RIGHT NEXT TO IT!
POOL? TENNIS COURT? WHAT KIND OF PRISON DO YOU THINK THIS IS?
BUT HERE ARE THE PLANS YOU GAVE ME!
NO WONDER! THESE ARE THE WRONG PLANS! THESE ARE FOR THE NEW PARK IN TOWN!
END.

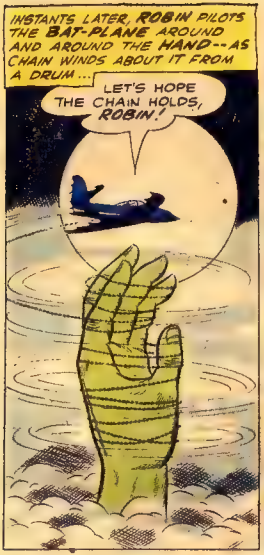
BATMAN
With ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER
HA, HA! DO THE FOOLS REALLY BELIEVE THEY CAN COMBAT THE STRENGTH OF OUR GIANT HAND?
IT REACHED FROM THE SKY LIKE A HAND OF DOOM--A COLOSSAL HAND OF AWESOME STRENGTH THAT CRUSHED AND DESTROYED! BUT BATMAN AND ROBIN DARED TO DEFY ITS TERRIBLE POWER--UNTIL THEY FINALLY DISCOVERED THE PURPOSE OF...
the HAND from NOWHERE
BOB KANE

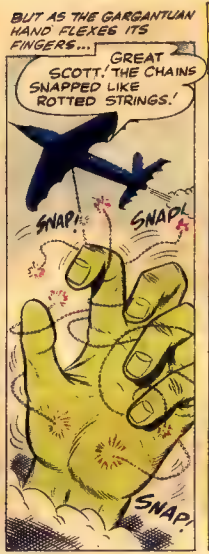
ONE MORNING, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN DROP IN AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
HMPH! A WORKMAN AT THE GOTHAM ZINC WORKS JUST PHONED! HE SAID A GIANT HAND -- HOLDING TWO ALIENS IN IT -- JUST APPEARED IN THE SKY! BAH! LAST YEAR, IT WAS "FLYING SAUCERS" -- NOW IT'S "GIANT HANDS"!
RELAX, COMMISSIONER! ROBIN AND I WILL GIVE THIS PRANKSTER A STERN LECTURE!
BUT ON ARRIVING AT THE ZINC WORKS...
HOLY SMOKE! THE GUY WASN'T KIDDING! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT HAND!
GREAT SCOTT! THE HAND'S CRUSHED THAT ROOF AS THOUGH IT WERE PAPER!
LOOK! IT'S SEIZING SOME ZINC!
THOSE TWO ALIENS LOOKING ON -- THEY MUST CONTROL THE HAND! IF WE CAN CAPTURE THE ALIENS, MAYBE WE CAN FORCE THEM TO STOP THE HAND!
THANKS TO OUR LANGUAGE-SCRAMBLERS THAT INSTANTLY TRANSLATE ANY LANGUAGE, INCLUDING OURS, TO ALL EARS WITHIN HEARING RANGE -- WE KNOW WHAT THOSE EARTHLINGS ARE PLANNING!
GNARL -- STOP THEM!
INSTANTLY, THE COLOSSAL HAND CONTEMPTUOUSLY THRUSTS ONE HUGE FINGER FORWARD...
UHHH!

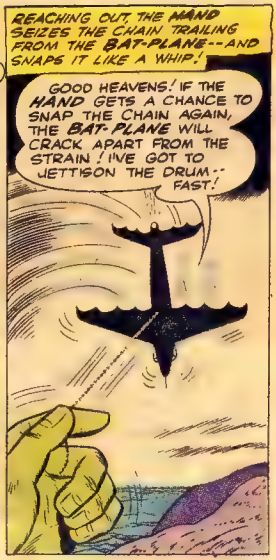

DESPERATELY, BATMAN TRIES TO FIGHT OFF THE NUMBING EFFECT OF THE TERRIBLE BLOW AS HE SEES...
THE HAND-- ABOUT TO HIT ROBIN! GOT TO SAVE HIM -- BUT I'M TOO WEAK TO GET UP! THIS BARREL...
SUMMONING UP HIS STRENGTH, BATMAN DRIVES HIS FEET AT THE BARREL, AND...
IT WORKED!
BAH! WHY SHOULD WE--WHO CONTROL THE GIANT GNARLS OF OUR WORLD---WASTE PRECIOUS TIME ON THE PUNY PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD?
TRUE! BESIDES, WE ALREADY HAVE THE FIRST OF THE MATERIALS WE NEED! LET US RETURN TO OUR OWN DIMENSION!
ABRUPTLY, AS THE ALIENS STEP INTO THE GIANT HAND, IT BEGINS TO GLOW WITH TERRIBLE INTENSITY...
UHHH--IT'S SO BRIGHT--I CAN'T SEE!
GREAT SCOTT! NOT EVEN DARK SUN GLASSES COULD SHUT OUT THAT GLARE!
THEN, THERE IS A SUDDEN PUFF OF SMOKE-- AND WHEN IT FINALLY CLEARS...
GONE--BACK TO ANOTHER DIMENSION! GOSH, BATMAN-- WHAT DO THOSE ALIENS WANT MATERIALS FOR?
I DON'T KNOW, ROBIN-- BUT I DO KNOW THEY NEED MORE MATERIALS FROM OUR WORLD! THEY'LL BE BACK, ROBIN-- THEY'LL BE BACK!


THE NEXT DAY, AN ALERTED CITY FEARFULLY AWAITS THE RETURN OF THE GIANT HAND FROM NOWHERE!
BOBBY, COME INTO THE HOUSE -- HURRY -- HURRY!
WARNING TO ALL CITIZENS! THE HAND MAY APPEAR AT ANY TIME! STAY OFF THE STREETS!
SOON AFTER, ABOVE A COPPER MINE, THERE IS A GIANT BURST OF SMOKE--A BLINDING GLARE--AND AFTERWARDS...
THE GIANT HAND!
GULP! IT--IT'S PICKING UP THAT CART OF COPPER ORE!
THE MELTING POINT OF THIS MATERIAL PASSES THE TEST!
GOOD! MATERIAL OF THIS NATURE IS RARE IN OUR WORLD! SOON WE SHALL HAVE ALL THE MATERIALS WE NEED FOR OUR NEW DIMENSION-TRANSMITTER THAT WILL WIDEN AN OPENING INTO THIS WORLD!
ABOUT MID-DAY, THE HAND REAPPEARS ALONE BEFORE A GUARDED GOVERNMENT VAULT...
HOLY SMOKE! IT SNAPPED THE CANNON BARREL LIKE A CELERY STALK!
SNAP!
VALIANTLY, RIFLEMEN RUSH UP AS THE TITANIC HAND SMASHES INTO THE VAULT CONTAINING A VAST FORTUNE OF PRECIOUS PLATINUM...
IT'S NO USE--WE'RE ONLY WASTING BULLETS!
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!

THAT NIGHT, BATMAN SPEAKS AT AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF TOP SCIENTISTS...
THE PATTERN IS CLEAR NOW! THUS FAR, THE ALIENS HAVE OPENED A SMALL HOLE IN OUR DIMENSION THAT CAN ONLY ADMIT THE HAND OF A GIANT GNARL -- SO, THEY ARE RAIDING US FOR RAW MATERIALS THEY NEED FOR A MORE POWERFUL DIMENSIONAL-TRANSMITTER!..
...A TRANSMITTER THAT WILL OPEN A LARGER HOLE -- SO THAT AN ARMY OF GIANT GNARLS THEY CONTROL, CAN PASS THROUGH -- AND INVADE OUR WORLD!
THE NEXT DAY, AS THE BAT-PLANE PATROLS THE SKIES...
GOSH, BATMAN -- THE ALIENS HAVE TAKEN ZINC -- COPPER -- PLATINUM! WHAT WILL THEY GO FOR NEXT?
HERE COMES YOUR ANSWER NOW, ROBIN!
CALLING BAT-PLANE! HAND HAS APPEARED AT PIER 14 -- IS SEIZING CARGO OF TIN FROM BOLIVIAN LINER!
SOON AFTER...
TAKE OVER THE CONTROLS, ROBIN -- I'M GOING TO GET THE LOOP OF CHAIN READY!
LOOK! GNARL -- GO UP AND CRUSH THAT FLYING MACHINE!
TIN
AS IF TRYING TO SWAT A MOSQUITO, THE GIANT HAND SWIPES AT THE BAT-PLANE, BUT...
;PHEW! THAT ALMOST SLAPPED US OUT OF THE SKY!
YES -- BUT NOW THAT WE'RE ABOVE THE HAND AS WE WANTED, I CAN GO OUT ON THE ROPE LADDER!
SWIFTLY, LIKE A STEEL LASSO, A LOOP OF CHAIN IS DROPPED BY BATMAN AROUND ONE HUGE FINGER...
IT'S HOOKED ON, ROBIN! THE INSTANT I GET INTO THE PLANE -- GET GOING!

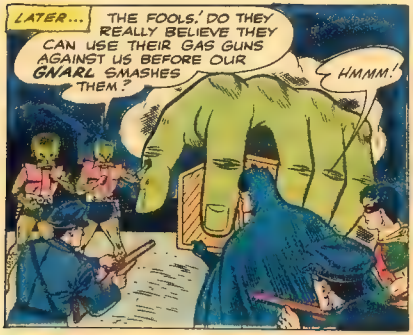

INSTANTS LATER, ROBIN PILOTS THE BAT-PLANE AROUND AND AROUND THE HAND--AS CHAIN WINDS ABOUT IT FROM A DRUM...
LET'S HOPE THE CHAIN HOLDS, ROBIN!

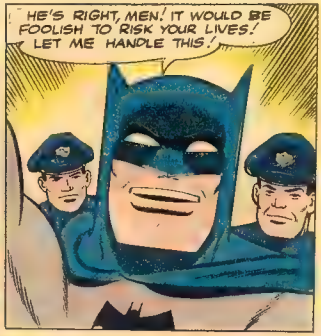

BUT AS THE GARGANTUAN HAND FLEXES ITS FINGERS...
GREAT SCOTT! THE CHAINS SNAPPED LIKE ROTTED STRINGS!
SNAP!
SNAP!
SNAP!

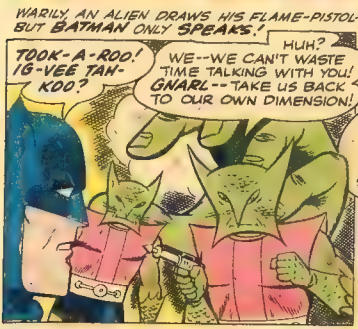

REACHING OUT, THE HAND SEIZES THE CHAIN TRAILING FROM THE BAT-PLANE--AND SNAPS IT LIKE A WHIP!
GOOD HEAVENS! IF THE HAND GETS A CHANCE TO SNAP THE CHAIN AGAIN, THE BAT-PLANE WILL CRACK APART FROM THE STRAIN! I'VE GOT TO JETTISON THE DRUM--FAST!

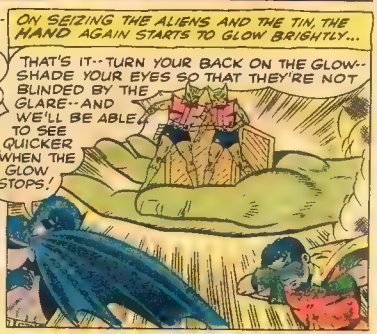
BATMAN'S RUSE WORKS JUST IN TIME AS...
WE'RE FREE! BUT WE'D BETTER KEEP GOING--BEFORE THE HAND SNATCHES AT THE BAT-PLANE!

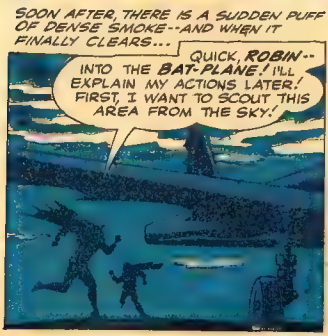
SOON AFTER...
OKAY, BATMAN--NOW WHAT?
WE CAN'T DO ANY GOOD UP HERE ANY MORE--SO WE MIGHT AS WELL LAND, AND HOPE THE POLICE CAN KNOCK OUT THE ALIENS WITH THEIR GAS GUNS!

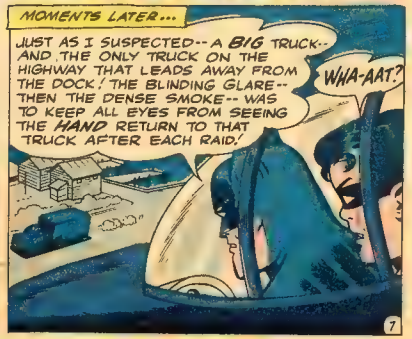

LATER...
THE FOOLS! DO THEY REALLY BELIEVE THEY CAN USE THEIR GAS GUNS AGAINST US BEFORE OUR GNARL SMASHES THEM?
HMMM!

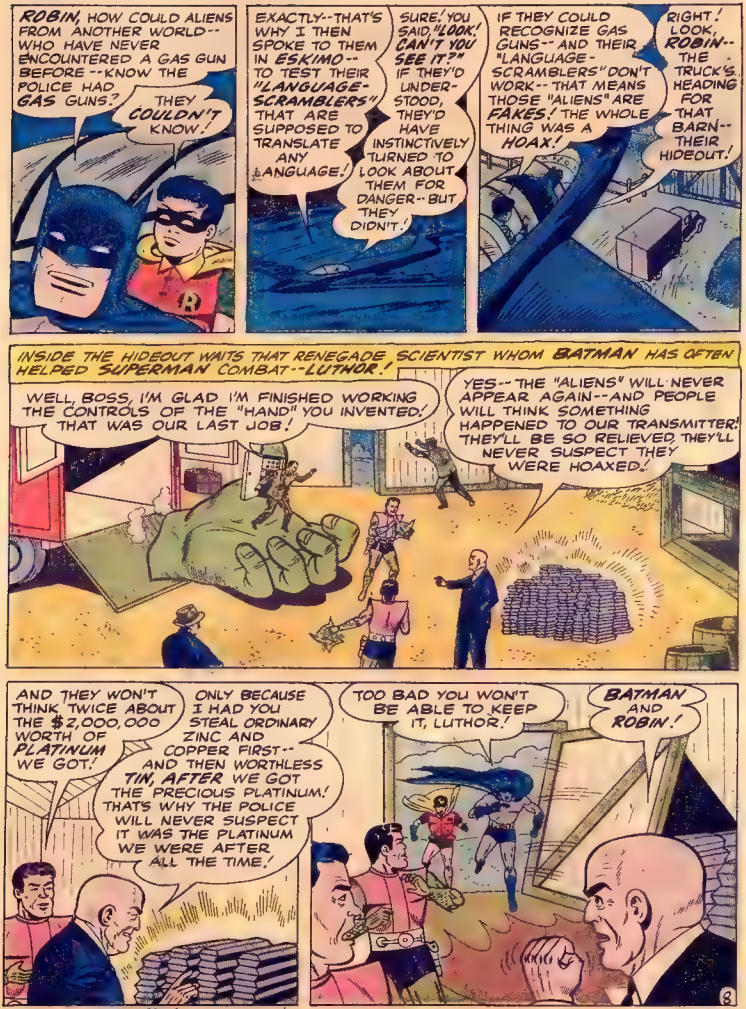

HE'S RIGHT, MEN! IT WOULD BE FOOLISH TO RISK YOUR LIVES! LET ME HANDLE THIS!

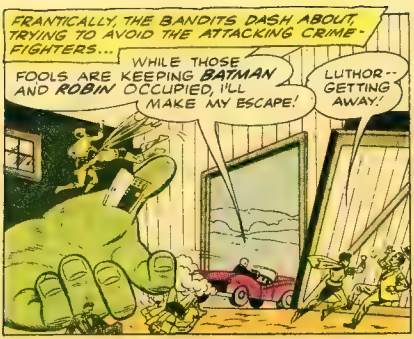

WARILY, AN ALIEN DRAWS HIS FLAME-PISTOL--BUT BATMAN ONLY SPEAKS!
TOOK-A-ROO! IG-VEE TAH-KOO?
HUH?
WE--WE CAN'T WASTE TIME TALKING WITH YOU! GNARL--TAKE US BACK TO OUR OWN DIMENSION!

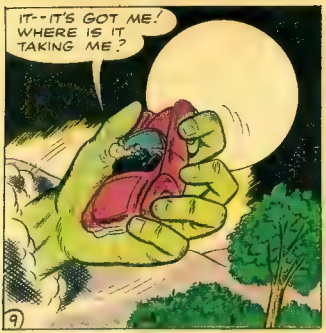

ON SEIZING THE ALIENS AND THE TIN, THE HAND AGAIN STARTS TO GLOW BRIGHTLY...
THAT'S IT--TURN YOUR BACK ON THE GLOW--SHADE YOUR EYES SO THAT THEY'RE NOT BLINDED BY THE GLARE--AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO SEE QUICKER WHEN THE GLOW STOPS!

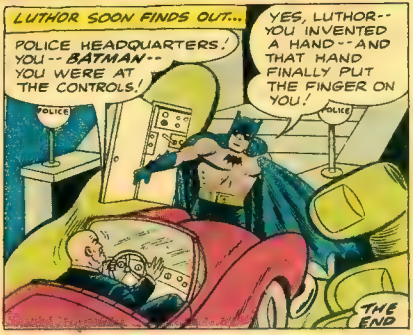

SOON AFTER, THERE IS A SUDDEN PUFF OF DENSE SMOKE--AND WHEN IT FINALLY CLEARS...
QUICK, ROBIN--INTO THE BAT-PLANE! I'LL EXPLAIN MY ACTIONS LATER! FIRST, I WANT TO SCOUT THIS AREA FROM THE SKY!


MOMENTS LATER...
JUST AS I SUSPECTED--A BIG TRUCK--AND THE ONLY TRUCK ON THE HIGHWAY THAT LEADS AWAY FROM THE DOCK! THE BLINDING GLARE--THEN THE DENSE SMOKE--WAS TO KEEP ALL EYES FROM SEEING THE HAND RETURN TO THAT TRUCK AFTER EACH RAID!
WHA-AAT?


ROBIN, HOW COULD ALIENS FROM ANOTHER WORLD--WHO HAVE NEVER ENCOUNTERED A GAS GUN BEFORE--KNOW THE POLICE HAD GAS GUNS?
THEY COULDN'T KNOW!
EXACTLY--THAT'S WHY I THEN SPOKE TO THEM IN ESKIMO--TO TEST THEIR "LANGUAGE-SCRAMBLERS" THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO TRANSLATE ANY LANGUAGE!
SURE, YOU SAID, "LOOK! CAN'T YOU SEE IT?" IF THEY'D UNDERSTOOD, THEY'D HAVE INSTINCTIVELY TURNED TO LOOK ABOUT THEM FOR DANGER--BUT THEY DIDN'T!
IF THEY COULD RECOGNIZE GAS GUNS--AND THEIR "LANGUAGE-SCRAMBLERS" DON'T WORK--THAT MEANS THOSE "ALIENS" ARE FAKES! THE WHOLE THING WAS A HOAX!
RIGHT! LOOK, ROBIN--THE TRUCK'S HEADING FOR THAT BARN--THEIR HIDEOUT!
INSIDE THE HIDEOUT WAITS THAT RENEGADE SCIENTIST WHOM BATMAN HAS OFTEN HELPED SUPERMAN COMBAT--LUTHOR!
WELL, BOSS, I'M GLAD I'M FINISHED WORKING THE CONTROLS OF THE "HAND" YOU INVENTED! THAT WAS OUR LAST JOB!
YES--THE "ALIENS" WILL NEVER APPEAR AGAIN--AND PEOPLE WILL THINK SOMETHING HAPPENED TO OUR TRANSMITTER! THEY'LL BE SO RELIEVED, THEY'LL NEVER SUSPECT THEY WERE HOAXED!
AND THEY WON'T THINK TWICE ABOUT THE $2,000,000 WORTH OF PLATINUM WE GOT!
ONLY BECAUSE I HAD YOU STEAL ORDINARY ZINC AND COPPER FIRST--AND THEN WORTHLESS TIN, AFTER WE GOT THE PRECIOUS PLATINUM! THAT'S WHY THE POLICE WILL NEVER SUSPECT IT WAS THE PLATINUM WE WERE AFTER ALL THE TIME!
TOO BAD YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP IT, LUTHOR!
BATMAN AND ROBIN!


FRANTICALLY, THE BANDITS DASH ABOUT, TRYING TO AVOID THE ATTACKING CRIME-FIGHTERS...
WHILE THOSE FOOLS ARE KEEPING BATMAN AND ROBIN OCCUPIED, I'LL MAKE MY ESCAPE!
LUTHOR--GETTING AWAY!




LUTHOR SOON FINDS OUT...
POLICE HEADQUARTERS! YOU--BATMAN--YOU WERE AT THE CONTROLS!
YES, LUTHOR--YOU INVENTED A HAND--AND THAT HAND FINALLY PUT THE FINGER ON YOU!
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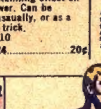

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